From: Rob Sturm <c_robert_sturm@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2025 5:18 AM
To: cityhall
Cc: Srivatsa, Niroop
Subject: Request for Time, Place, and Manner Restriction Near Lafayette School District Schools

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I urge the City Council to adopt this modest, well-supported measure to ensure a safe and orderly environment for students, families, and school staff during high-traffic school hours. This narrowly crafted ordinance would uphold public safety while respecting First Amendment rights.

I appreciate your time and consideration of this request. Please let me know if I can assist in any way.

Sincerely,

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From: Alisha Roeder <alishajr@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 5:06 PM
To: cityhall
Subject: Protests at Lafayette Elementary

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Hello,

I wanted to reach out, as a proud parent of a Lafayette Elementary 2nd-grader, and a proud member of the Lafayette community. Being raised in a small midwest town, and now raising our child in Lafayette, I feel blessed to call this community home.

Since moving to Lafayette in 2022, it's clear protests have grown year over year in front of LES - from across the street, to now directly in front of the school. While the protests appear peaceful, there's a significant slow-down in traffic on Moraga Road. We live on the hill of Moraga Road, and a 7 minute trip can now take upwards of 20 minutes. This is becoming incredibly frustrating, making mornings stressful, and causing my daughter to be late.

I'm writing in the hopes the city council can place restrictions on protests in front of schools. Afterall, schools are a place for students to feel safe and learn. Getting caught in the crosshairs of protests feels unsettling.

I thank you for your time and consideration.

Warmly,

Alisha Roeder

From: Staci Ericson <gollygee_pers@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 4, 2025 1:28 PM
To: cityhall
Subject: Please add to upcoming Agenda!

Hello City Council Members,
We absolutely need to do something about the safety situation surrounding the on-going protests at Lafayette Elementary School. Please put this on your agenda for the April 14th meeting. This issue cannot wait. It's been going on for two years. Sooner or later someone is going to be involved in a motor vehicle accident and very likely, it will be with a child. Drivers and children and those responsible for watching them are being distracted during the times of day when children are present. We need a Time and Place Restriction so that children can come to and leave school safely. This is not a free speech issue.

Kind regards,

Staci Ericson
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From: Rob Sturm <c_robert_sturm@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2025 12:31 PM
To: cityhall
Cc: Srivatsa, Niroop, Robbins, Joanne
Subject: Re: Request for Time, Place, and Manner Restriction Near Lafayette School District Schools

Dear Esteemed City Council Members,

I am writing to follow up on my previous message and to express concern after reviewing the agenda for this Monday's City Council meeting. I noted the item titled *"James Williams, Police Chief and Mala Subramanian, City Attorney Update – Free Speech/Protest at Lafayette Elementary School."* However, there appear to be no accompanying written materials, and the Staff Recommendation simply states, "File and Receive," suggesting that only an oral update is planned.

Respectfully, I had hoped the agenda would reflect a more action-oriented approach—one that acknowledges the time-sensitive nature of this ongoing safety concern near our public schools.

I urge the City Council to move swiftly toward implementing a content-neutral, reasonable Time, Place, and Manner restriction around Lafayette School District campuses. Such a measure would support public safety while respecting constitutional rights and could help prevent potential incidents before they occur.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I appreciate your leadership and commitment to the well-being and safety of our community and its children.

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